UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATHENS DIVISION

IN RE:	*	CHAPTER 7
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ALEXANDER TORREY,	*	CASE NO. 17-30609-JPS
Debtor.	*	

APPLICATION TO EMPLOY ATTORNEY

The application of the Trustee of the above-styled bankruptcy estate to employ Harris & Davis, P.C. as attorney for the Trustee respectfully shows the Court the following:

1.

The Trustee needs representation by an attorney to investigate assets, research perfection of liens and exemptions, determine the validity of claims against the estate and recover property of the estate.

2.

In representation of the Trustee on the matters described above and in other matters that may arise in the administration of the estate, the firm will be expected to perform the following services:

(a) perform legal research and title searches to determine extent and validity of liens;

(b) avoid transfers and preferences and pursue other legal remedies of the Trustee under *11 U.S.C. §544, 547, 548, 549 and 552*;

(c) negotiate settlement with attorneys representing parties in interest;

(d) file and prosecute litigation on behalf of the Trustee;

(e) represent the Trustee in objecting to claims; and

(f) perform other services which would be considered the practice of law under the laws of the State of Georgia.

Each specific service to be performed by the firm cannot be foreseen at this time.

3.

Harris & Davis, P.C. is composed of Ernest V. Harris and Courtney M. Davis. Both attorneys are members in good standing of the State Bar of Georgia and admitted to the Middle District Bar. The attorneys will keep detailed time records of all legal work performed and will not attempt to charge the estate for any non-legal work. Harris & Davis, P.C. will not bill the estate for attorney's fees for performing the Trustee's duties. The arrangement for compensation is that Harris & Davis, P.C. will be paid for all time expended at each attorney's normal hourly rate at the time of application for an award of fees subject to Court approval. Mr. Harris' present hourly rate is $375.00 per hour and Ms. Davis' present hourly rate is $225.00 per hour. As the payment of a fee is contingent upon the Trustee recovering assets for the estate, the Applicant may request an enhancement of the normal or hourly fee if he deems it appropriate.

4.

Harris & Davis, P.C. is a law firm specializing in insolvency law who is already familiar with the case by virtue of Mr. Harris serving as Trustee. The estate will not have to pay any unnecessary expense to another attorney to become familiar with the case if Harris & Davis, P.C. is employed as attorney for the Trustee. Harris & Davis, P.C. has no connection with any party in interest or their respective attorneys and accountants that is adverse to the estate. This employment is in the best interest of the estate.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests that the Court approve the employment of Harris & Davis, P.C. as attorney for the Trustee.

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VERIFIED STATEMENT

*I, **ERNEST V. HARRIS**,* make this statement pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2014.

I am a partner in the firm of Harris & Davis, P.C. Neither I, nor any member of the firm, hold an interest adverse to the estate. My only connection with any party in interest is that I also serve as Trustee in the case. Neither I, nor any member of my law firm, have any connection with the debtor, any creditor in this case or any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants.

This 26th day of July, 2017.

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 26th day of July, 2017.

NOTARY PUBLIC exp. 8/2/20

ERNEST V. HARRIS

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing pleading on the U.S. Trustee and the Debtor's attorney by mailing a copy to them by first class mail at the following addresses:

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1791 Heidi Trail
Buckhead, Gorgia 30625

Mr. Kevin J. Cowart
The Cowart Law Firm, P.C.
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and by electronic mail to the address currently listed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court to the following:

Ms. Elizabeth Hardy
Office of the U.S. Trustee

This 26th day of July, 2017.

ERNEST V. HARRIS, Chapter 7 Trustee